GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT
Rawale Shri Mohan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the money required for the scheme regarding "Freight Corridor" is proposed to be recovered from passengers;

(b) if so, the target of income likely to be accrued therefrom every year;

(c) the comprehensive details of Western Freight Corridor project; and

(d) the time by which these corridors are likely to be constructed?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways have decided that existing safety surcharge now stands subsumed in passenger fares in form of a development charge for partial funding of Dedicated Freight Corridor project. It is expected that Rs.845 Crore per annum would accrue in form of development charge. No additional levy has been imposed to fund Dedicated Freight Corridor project.

(c) & (d): Western Dedicated Freight Corridor will start from Jawaharlal Nehru Port and will be routed via Vadodra-Ahmedabad-Palanpur-Rewari to Tughlakabad/Dadri. As per the present estimate, the project costing Rs.16,592 Crore will be completed in about 5 years after the start of construction of the project.